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KC MAN INDICTED FOR CRACK COCAINE, PCP, THREATENING WITNESS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today on several narcotics charges and a charge of threatening a witness.

Rodreko V. Jennings, 25, of Kansas City, was charged in a four-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Jennings** attempted to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine on March 15, 2005, in Jackson County, Mo.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Jennings** intimidated or threatened another person on March 15, 2005, with the intent to influence the testimony of that person in an official proceeding.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Jennings** aided and abetted others in the possession with intent to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine on March 22, 2005, in Jackson County.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that **Jennings** aided and abetted others in the possession with intent to distribute phencyclidine (PCP) on March 22, 2005, in Jackson County.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Patrick J. O'Connor. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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